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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Consumption of Cotton
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total domestic consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether consumption of cotton is likely to increase in the coming year;

(c) if so, the estimated production and consumption of cotton during the current year and coming years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to fulfil the said requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The total domestic consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years is given below:-

Cotton year (October-September) Domestic Consumption of cotton(In lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

2013-14 299.55

2014-15 309.44

2015-16 (P)* 312.00
P − Provisional
* As estimated by Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) in its meeting held on 24.10.2016.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): The production and consumption of cotton as assessed by the CAB for the current cotton season 2016-17 (1st October, 2016 to 30th September, 2017) is as under:-

Year Production (In lakh bales of 170 kgs each) Total Consumption
(In lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

2016-17 351 313

During the coming years, it is expected that the surplus of production over consumption will decline gradually due to setting up of new mills and increase in installed capacity in spinning sector.

(d): The steps taken/being taken by the Government to fulfill the said requirement by increasing cotton production are as under:-

i) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Cotton Development Programme with a focus on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states viz; Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal from 2014-15 with an aim to increase production & productivity. Under the scheme, thrust is given for transfer of latest technology to cotton growers through Front Line Demonstration (FLD) on Integrated Crop Management (ICM), Intercropping, Desi & Extra Long Staple Cotton, High Density Planting System. The scheme is being implemented through State Department of Agriculture (SDA), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) etc. From 2015-16, NFSM is being implemented on sharing basis between Government of India and States on 60:40 basis for general category states & 90:10 basis for North East & Hilly states. However, the Central Agencies are funded 100% by Government of India. Besides, States can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.

ii) With a view to promote Cotton farming, during cotton season 2016-17, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare has fixed minimum support price for medium staple length cotton at Rs. 3860/- per quintal and for long staple at Rs. 4160/- per quintal.

iii) Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Limited has been entrusted with procurement of cotton from farmers at Minimum Support Price

(MSP) to protect the interest of farmers by giving MSP to their produce to avoid distress sale.
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